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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Marion O'Connor of Naples and Hollywood, Florida, formerly of Elgin and Huntley, who passed away on October 1, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born November 9, 1916 in Elgin; in July of 2010 she moved to Hollywood, Florida; and

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WHEREAS, She was a graduate of St. Mary Elementary and Elgin High; she, with her husband and in-laws, operated the O'Connor Funeral Home in Elgin from 1940 to 1984; she worked for the Elgin Watch Company and the Elgiloy Corporation; she was also employed at Joseph Spiess Department Store and Collingbourne Mills as a bookkeeper and model for their fashion catalogues in the 1930s; and

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WHEREAS, She will be remembered for her selflessness, independence, and genuine frankness all enhanced by wit and sense of humor; these qualities came through in golf and tennis, expertise at card games and rummikub, adeptness at hosting parties, and the chocolate chip cookies that delighted three generations of her offspring; she was a founding member of the St. Joseph Junior Hospital League, Nouveau Speculators, and the Elgin Golferettes; and

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1 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph
2 and Mathilda Ciraulo; her husband, William; her sister,
3 Margaret Becklinger; and her Division Street family, Lawrence
4 and Mildred O'Connor, Kathleen Martino, and Sharon Safar; and

5 WHEREAS, She is survived by three sons, Barrett (Darlene)
6 O'Connor, Kevin, and Kerry (Linda). Also surviving are her
7 seven grandchildren, Kelly (Larry) Lebedun, Sean (Amy)
8 O'Connor, Erin (David) Madden, Brian O'Connor, Keli (Jason)
9 Nitschke, Nicholas O'Connor and Mark O'Connor; and 15
10 great-grandchildren, Jackson, Delaney, Riley, Spencer, Jordyn,
11 Abby, Sarah, David, Madison, Hannah, McKenzie, Sydney, Kate,
12 Violet and Jack. Also surviving are her sister, JoJean
13 (Malbert) Middlesworth; her caregiver Amy Sakhiya; and many
14 cousins, nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Marion O'Connor; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Marion O'Connor as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.